Ollie Gay

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WALPOLE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

FOXBORO, MASS.:
ALDEN & BARRON, PRINTERS.
1891.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WALPOLE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1890.

FOXBORO, MASS.:
ALDEN & BARRON, PRINTERS.
1891.

CONTENTS.

Town Officers, list of 3
Appropriations for 1890, ... 5
Selectmen's Report, ... 7
Support of Schools—
Teachers' Salaries, ... 7
Superintendent, ... 8
Care of School Houses, ... 9
Fuel for Schools, ... 9
Repairs of School Houses, ... 10
Supplies and Incidentals for Schools, ... 11
Support of Poor at Almshouse. 13
Support of Poor out of Almshouse, ... 15
Highways, ... 17
Street Lamps, ... 18
Town Hall, ... 21
State Aid, ... 22
Town Officers, ... 23
Post 157, G. A. R., ... 24
Public Library, ... 24
Police, ... 25
Fire Department, ... 26
Notes and Interest, ... 27
State Tax, ... 28
Loan Account, ... 29
Printing and Stationery, ... 29
Walpole Plain Cemetery, ... 30
Bush Road, ... 31
Kendall Street, ... 31
Miscellaneous, ... 32
North School House Repairs, ... 35
South School House Repairs, ... 35
Ventilation Centre School Honse, ... 36
Transportation, ... 36
Recapitulation, ... 37
Financial Statement, ... 38
Estimates for 1891, ... 39
List of Jurors, ... 41

Guide Boards, ... 42
Overseers of the Poor, report of 43
Collector of Taxes, report of 45
Account of Uncollected Taxes on Walpole Plain House Lots for 1889, 47
Town Treasurer, report of 48
Assessors, report of 55
Public Library Trustees, report of, ... 56
Public Library, Treasurer of Trustees, report of 59
Engineers of Fire Department, report of 60
Births, report of 61
Marriages, report of 62
Deaths, report of 63
Town Warrant, ... 64
School Committee, report of 69
School Superintendent, report of 81

TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE YEAR 1890-91.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN, JULIUS GUILD,
FRED H. FOWLER.

Assessors.

DAVID FISHER, JOSEPH WHITEHOUSE,
NATHAN W. FISHER.

Town Clerk.

GEORGE P. MOREY.

Town Treasurer.

FRANK O. PILSBURY.

Collector of Taxes.

NATHAN A. COBB.

Superintendent of Streets.

EDWIN EVERETT.

School Committee.

ROBERT S. GRAY, Chairman,	Term Expires	1891.
ELBRIDGE P. BOYDEN,	"	1891.
FREDERIC GUILD,	"	1892.
THOMAS F. MAGUIRE,	"	1892.
JAMES B. LEWIS,	"	1893.
WALTER B. ALLEN,	"	1893.

Trustees Public Library.

MARION H. PICKERING,	Term Expires	1891.
NATHAN W. FISHER,	"	1891.
MARY R. BIRD,	"	1892.
MARTHA W. ALLEN,	"	1892.
ROBERT S. GRAY,	"	1893.
AMOS BINNEY,	"	1893.

Constables.

N. EMMONS WINSLOW, THOS. M. CROWLEY,
HERBERT E. BACON, Resigned.

Fence Viewers.

JAMES G. SCOTT, SYLVANUS W. HARTSHORN,
RICHARD MORSE.

Pound Keeper.

GEORGE P. CHAPIN.

Field Drivers.

HENRY H. KENDALL, GEORGE R. WYMAN,
WALTER S. GUILD, ELMER FISHER,
WILLIAM F. WARE, EDWARD CODY,
FRED'K. W. DUNTON, THOS. N. WALTON,
THOMAS D. PLIMPTON, ALDEBERT MORSE.

Surveyors of Lumber.

ALTON N. CLARKE, JOSEPH WHITEHOUSE,
ELBRIDGE P. BOYDEN.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

JOHN F. FREESE, NATHAN W. FISHER,
ELBRIDGE P. BOYDEN, LEWIS L. BOWKER,
ALTON N. CLARKE, PERCY E. TISDALE.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

HENRY P. PLIMPTON.

Auditors.

GEORGE W. TOWLE, Jr., WILLIAM E. FREESE,
JOSEPH S. LEACH.

Registrars of Voters.

Appointed by the Selectmen in March or April.

WILLIAM A. JEPSON,	Term expires 1893.
JAMES G. HARTSHORN,	" 1891.
JOHN A. WAY,	" 1892.
GEORGE P. MOREY, Town Clerk,	(*ex-officio.*)

Engineers of the Fire Department.

Appointed by the Selectmen in April.

CHARLES FALES, H. N. LEWIS, FRANK N. GAY,
WM. A. MORRISSEY, WILLIAM E. FREESE.

Forest Fire Wards.

Appointed by the Selectmen in March or April.

DAVID FISHER, THOMAS C. CROWLEY,
EDWIN EVERETT, PERCY TISDALE,
WILLIAM A. MORRISSEY, F. N. GAY,
E. L. SHEPARD.

Undertakers.

Licensed by the Board of Health on or before July 1st.

NAAMAN B. WILMARTH, NATHAN A. COBB

Auctioneers.

Licensed by the Selectmen.

NATHAN A. COBB, JAMES P. TISDALE.
SYLVANUS W. HARTSHORN, JOHN B. ROONEY.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1890.

Support of schools: Salaries, care of school houses, and superintendence, fuel for schools,	$8,000 00	
Supplies and incidentals for schools,	300 00	
Repairs of school houses,	550 00	
" " highways and bridges, and supt. of streets,	6,000 00	
Support of poor at almshouse,	1,200 00	
" " " out of almshouse,	1,800 00	
Fire department,	890 00	
Town Hall,	300 00	
Notes and Interest,	3,000 00	
Public Library,	700 00	
Post 157, G. A. R.,	100 00	
Town officers,	1,000 00	
Printing and stationery,	250 00	
Street lamps,	300 00	
Police,	500 00	
Miscellaneous,	1,500 00	
Kendall street improvement,	600 00	
Bush road,	350 00	
County tax,	1,797 75	
State tax,	1,557 50	
		$30,695 25

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We herewith submit a report of the expenditures for the year ending December 31st, 1890, together with a statement showing the standing of each appropriation on the above date, and we ask your careful consideration of the same.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Helen R. Stanley, 40 weeks at $10 00,		$400 00
Francis T. Cook, 24 " " $7 00,	168 00	
Francis T. Cook, 15 " " $8 00,	120 00	
		288 00
Emma M. Caldwell, 37 " " $10 00,		370 00
Mabel A Jepson, 1 " " $10 00,		10 00
Lizzie P. Bird, 24 " " $10 00,		240 00
Nellie M. Freeman, 10 " " $10 00,		100 00
Ellen M. Duffield, 14 " " $10.00,		140 00
Ella A. Hartshorn, 40 " " $10.00,		400 00
Lizzie Evans, 24 " " $10.00,		240 00
Amount carried forward,		$2,188 00

Amount brought forward		$2,188 00	
Emma Maguire, 8 days at $1 80,	14 40		
Emma Maguire, 20 weeks at $9 00,	180 00		
Emma Maguire, 14 " " $10 00,	140 00		
		334 40	
Amy L. Boyden, 38 weeks at $12 50		475 00	
Lena F. Adams, 38 " " $10 00,		380 00	
Annie L. Bird, 38 " " $10 00,		380 00	
Emma J. Barnes, 38 " " $10 00,		380 00	
Elsie M. Blake, 24 " " $12 50,	300 00		
Elsie M. Blake, 16 weeks at $13 75,	220 00		
		520 00	
Henry H. Kendall, 40 weeks at $25 00,		1,000 00	
Mary E. Anderson, 39 weeks at $5 00,		195 00	
Lila H. Lowe, 16 weeks at $7 00,		112 00	
Edith A. Willie, 4 " " $8 00,		32 00	
Margaret P. C. Tucker, 16 weeks at $8 00,		128 00	
Grace H. Parker, 4 weeks at $8 00,		32 00	
Eva E. Hall, 8 " " $10 00,		80 00	
			$6,236 40

SUPERINTENDENCE.

Frank W. Sweet, 4 mos. at $70 00,	$280 00	
Frank W. Sweet, 8 mos. at $62 50,	500 00	
		$780 00

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

Helen R. Stanley,	40 weeks at	$ 75	$30 00	
Edson C. Boyden,	40 " "	1 75	70 00	
Edwin Evans,	16 " "	2 50	40 00	
Alfred Evans,	24 " "	2 50	60 00	
Harry A. Bullard,	40 " "	1 75	70 00	
Albert D. Willett,	40 " "	12 50	500 00	
Albert D. Willett,	extra labor cleaning,		20 00	
Mrs. H. Donovan,	" " "		12 00	
Albert D. Willett,	" " "		12 84	
				$814 84

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Order 263.	David Fisher,	$13 23	
" 410.	N.W. Fisher,	6 00	
" 485.	R. H. Shippee,	60 10	
" 488.	L. L. Bowker,	6 50	
" 659.	David Fisher,	17 48	
" 660.	" "	37 53	
" 661.	" "	19 56	
" 662.	" "	131 90	
" 679.	" "	345 00	
			$637 30

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$8,000 00	
Dog tax,	356 66	
Income Mass. school fund,	125 39	
Tuition from town of Norwood,	14 00	
State aid on account of superintendent,	467 13	
		$8,963 18

Expenditures.

Teachers' salaries,	$6,236 40
Superintendent,	780 00
Amount carried forward,	$7,016 40

Amount brought forward,	$7,016 40	
Care of school houses,	814 84	
Fuel for schools,	637 30	
Order No. 561. Town of Medfield, tuition,	23 75	
Order No. 681. Town of Dedham, tuition,	349 39	
		$8,841 68
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$121 50

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

Order	44.	Chas. O. Hall,	$10 00	
"	94.	Geo. D. Hamant,	1 75	
"	105.	Exeter Machine Works,	2 00	
"	106.	M. W. Allen,	11 64	
"	323.	E. B. Coburn,	1 50	
"	357.	A. D. Willett,	31 00	
"	441.	Geo. A. Russell,	7 00	
"	442.	Eben Fuller,	6 15	
"	444.	Porter S. Boyden,	59 35	
"	445.	Eben Fuller,	32 31	
"	448.	T. A. Barrett,	77 36	
"	449.	W. H. Merrill,	12 90	
				$252 96

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$250 00	
Expenditures,	252 96	
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1890,		$2 96

SUPPLIES AND INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Order	33.	Frank W. Sweet,	$16 22
"	34.	F. M. Ambrose,	16 50
"	35.	" " "	15 00
"	36.	Carter, Rice & Co.,	2 38
"	37.	" " " "	20 20
"	38.	Silver, Burdett & Co ,	25 50
"	39.	Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	12 50
"	40.	F. F. Murdock,	16 30
"	41.	A. C. Stockin,	97
"	42.	Ginn & Company,	7 00
"	43.	Geo. S. Perry,	64 25
"	99.	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	4 34
"	100.	Ginn & Company,	27 50
"	101.	Carl Schoenhof,	1 80
"	102.	Geo. S. Perry,	13 95
"	103.	" " "	7 00
"	104.	Frank W. Sweet,	8 63
"	160.	Geo. W. Wetherbee,	4 00
"	161.	Carter, Rice & Co.,	2 50
"	162.	Ivison, Blakeman & Co.,	4 20
"	163.	Ginn & Company,	15 00
"	164.	" " "	12 50
"	165.	Lee & Shepard,	5 00
"	166.	D. C. Heath & Co.,	6 42
"	167.	Belknap & Co ,	2 00
"	168.	W. H. A. Newton,	1 75
"	169.	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	6 50
"	170.	Allen-Print,	3 30
"	171.	" "	10 35
"	205.	Josie Thomas,	5 00
"	227.	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	4 50
"	228.	A. G. Whitcomb,	5 00
"	229.	Henry T. Pratt,	10 00
"	230.	Geo. S. Perry,	27 20
"	262.	Frank W. Sweet,	4 55
"	270.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	11 22
"	271.	W. D. Jackson,	3 25
		Amount carried forward,	$404 28

	Amount brought forward,		$404 28
Order	272.	Geo. S. Perry,	9 00
"	273.	Silver, Burdett & Co.,	1 40
"	274.	A. Storrs & Bement Co.,	10 42
"	275.	" " " " "	5 00
"	324.	H. A. Spear, Jr.,	13 62
"	325.	W. H. A. Newton,	2 30
"	326.	Geo. H. Richter & Co.,	2 10
"	327.	Geo. S. Perry,	16 20
"	328.	J. H. Daniels,	15 00
"	334.	Allen-Print,	7 50
"	335.	" "	2 45
"	336.	B. A. Fowler & Co.,	30 00
"	359.	Harry T. Reiser,	1 40
"	360.	Carter, Rice & Co.,	4 16
"	409.	F. W. Sweet,	8 35
"	414.	F. H. Fowler,	1 38
"	430.	G. W. Wetherbee,	4 00
"	431.	Meade, Dodge & Co.,	15 00
"	432.	Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	6 38
"	433.	Ellis & Webster,	2 31
"	434.	D. C. Heath & Co,	5 55
"	435.	" " " " "	2 88
"	436.	Boston School Supply Co.,	5 00
"	437.	Ginn & Company,	5 00
"	438.	Wm. H. Swift & Co.,	3 35
"	439.	Carter, Rice & Co.,	5 50
"	440.	Educational Supply Co.,	28 02
"	504.	Smith & Anthony,	1 50
"	505.	Lee & Shepard,	2 67
"	506.	Thompson, Brown & Co.,	7 50
"	507.	Carter, Carter & Kilham,	11 95
"	508.	Willard Small,	4 32
"	509.	H. A. Spear, Jr.,	12 51
"	664.	Educational Publishing Co.,	80
"	665.	H. M. Plimpton & Co.,	5 00
"	666.	J. L. Hammett,	3 60
"	667.	Frank W. Sweet,	18 51
"	669.	W. H. A. Newton,	80
"	670.	Frank O. Pilsbury,	15
			$686 86

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriations,	$300 00	
Balance of State Fund for 1889,	347 24	
25% of Massachusetts School Fund,	41 80	
		$689 04

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	$686 86
Balance unexpended Dec. 31st, 1890,	$2 18

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

Order	81.	Geo. P. Chapin, sundries,	$7 25
"	98.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	15 99
"	135.	Geo. P. Chapin, 3 mos. salary,	100 00
"	146.	M. W. Allen,	4 28
"	213.	C. H. Hartshorn, supplies,	73 59
"	217.	Plimpton Bros., "	31 27
"	218.	F. A. Brummett, labor,	5 25
"	223.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	11 79
"	301.	Geo. P. Chapin, 3 mos. salary,	100 00
"	320.	C. A. Jones,	2 90
"	321.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	20 17
"	322.	C. O. Hall,	11 99
"	331.	Geo. A. Russell,	2 25
"	344.	David Fisher, labor,	9 00
"	361.	C. H. Hartshorn, supplies,	48 98
"	366.	T. A. Barrett,	17 12
"	381.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	16 24
		Amount carried forward,	$478 07

	Amount brought forward,		$478 07	
"	408.	Geo. P. Chapin, 3 mos. salary,	100 00	
"	450.	H. A. Spear, ice,	17 55	
"	454.	Plimpton Bros., supplies,	39 04	
"	500.	Fisher Guild, supplies,	13 88	
"	501.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	22 22	
"	510.	Samuel Allen, wood,	18 00	
"	536.	C. H. Hartshorn, supplies,	30 98	
"	559.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	15 80	
"	592.	Geo. P. Chapin, 3 mos. salary,	100 00	
"	599.	Plimpton Bros., supplies,	21 47	
"	600.	T. A. Barrett, repairs,	5 50	
"	616.	Frank O. Pilsbury, drugs,	80	
"	625.	H. N. Lewis, supplies,	11 09	
"	682.	C. H. Hartshorn, supplies,	44 16	
				$918 56

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$1,200 00	
Geo. P. Chapin, sales of produce,	171 00	
Estate of N. Bird, board of Mary Bird,	50 00	
		$1,421 00

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	$918 56
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,	$502 44

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

SANE.

Patrick Kirby :—		
To cash paid David Fisher,	$15 00	
" " " J. B. Cram,	20 00	
" " " Est. of Chas. Bouton,	45 00	
" " " Fred. H. Fowler,	2 50	
		$82 50
Ira Frizell :—		
To cash paid Est. of Chas. Bouton,		36 00
Mrs. Frank Welch :—		
To cash paid Dr. L. H. Plimpton,	$6 00	
" " " H. N. Lewis,	36 00	
" " " David Fisher,	3 00	
" " " Dennis Griffin,	18 00	
		63 00
M. Colbert :—		
To cash paid C. H. Hartshorn,	$13 13	
" " " D. Fisher,	2 50	
		15 63
Mrs. J. Dailey :—		
To cash paid David Fisher,		2 88
Mary Lahan :—		
To cash paid David Fisher,		3 00
George Richardson :—		
To cash paid E. G. Cobb,		2 00
City of Boston :—		
To cash paid Margaret Welch and family,	$32 00	
" " " G. H. French, M. D., Mary Snowden,	19 45	
		51 45
To cash paid E. Winslow, transferring state pauper,	$3 00	
" " " E. C. Norton, M. D., attendance on N. McGrail,	18 00	
		21 00
		$277 46

INSANE.

Mary J. Cary :—		
To cash paid Miss C. P. Bispham,	$156 43	
Timothy J. Donovan :—		
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic hospital,	174 61	
Bridget Mahoney :—		
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic hospital,	169 46	
Sarah Harndon :—		
To cash paid Westboro Insane hospital,	169 48	
Charles W. Clapp :—		
To cash paid Taunton Lunatic hospital,	65 46	
		$735 44

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$1,800 00	
City of Boston,	40 00	
Commonwealth of Mass.,	58 76	
A. D. Willett, guardian for C. W. Clapp,	65 46	
		$1,964 22

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement, [sane]	$277 46	
" " " " [insane]	735 44	
James F. Hopkins, state aid,	60 00	
		$1,072 90
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$891 32
Due from City of Boston,	$51 45	
Due from Commonwealth of Mass.,	60 00	
		$111 45

HIGHWAYS.

Order	58.	Andrew Caberry,	$49 70	
"	142.	Geo. H. Kingsbury,	34 12	
"	174.	E. L. Shepard,	67 15	
"	207.	Edwin Everett,	1,258 84	
"	214.	Patrick Riordan,	241 68	
"	261.	M. W. Allen,	73 78	
"	267.	Edwin Everett,	504 16	
"	268.	E. L. Shepard,	49 05	
"	386.	Edwin Everett,	196 25	
"	411.	Patrick Riordan,	88 85	
"	451.	Edwin Everett,	317 66	
"	458.	T. W. Corbett, iron work,	43 66	
"	459.	D. W. Lewis, pipe,	30 00	
"	460.	Geo. H. Kingsbury, West st. bridge,	94 35	
"	461.	M. W. Allen, E. Walpole bridge,	85 63	
"	484.	Patrick Riordan,	124 75	
"	486.	E. L. Shepard,	108 70	
"	499.	Edwin Everett,	614 07	
"	537.	J. W. Sullivan, repairing tools,	5 00	
"	538.	Patrick Riordan,	139 25	
"	556.	Edwin Everett,	424 12	
"	604	W. J. Burgess, sewers,	12 00	
"	610.	E. L. Shepard,	3 15	
"	650.	Edwin Everett,	51 50	
"	672.	M. W. Allen, railing,	7 08	
				$4,624 50

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$6,000 00

Expenditures.

Transferred to ventilation of Center School House account,	1,000 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,000 00

Amount brought forward,	$1,000 00	
Sundries as per statements,	4,624 50	
		$5,624 50
Balance unexpended Dec. 31st, 1890,		$375 50

STREET LAMPS.

Order	86.	Wm. Moore, 1st, 2 lamps 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '89,	$12 00
"	143.	David Fisher, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '89,	6 00
"	147.	Geo. E. Allen, 3 lamps, 3 mos. to Mar. 31,'90,	6 00
"	219.	Albert Fisher, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to May 12, '90,	6 00
"	231.	Willard Lewis, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '89,	6 00
"	307.	Geo. E. Allen, 3 lamps, 3 mos. to June 30, '90,	6 00
"	314.	Geo. H. French, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to July 1, '90,	6 00
"	315.	C. A. Engley, 1 lamp, 6 mos. to July 1, '90,	3 00
"	341.	C. S. Daggett, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to July 31, '90,	6 00
"	423.	Geo. E. Allen, 3 lamps, 3 mos. to Sept. 30,'90,	6 00
"	590.	A. N. Cram, 1 lamp, 6 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	3 00
"	591.	Geo. E. Allen, 3 lamps, 3 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	609.	Geo. P. Morey, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
		Amount carried forward,	$78 00

		Amount brought forward,	$78 00
"	626.	H. N. Lewis, 2 lamps, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	12 00
"	627.	Jacob S. Scrivens, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	628.	Est. H. M. Plimpton, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	629.	Plimpton Bros., 1 lamp, 1 yr. to to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	630.	A. Buker, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, 90,	6 00
"	631.	Mrs. Chas. Greene, 1 lamp, 9 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	4 50
"	632.	East Walpole Village Imp. So., 9 lamps, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90, 1 lamp, 10 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	59 00
"	633.	Eben C. Norton, 1 lamp, 10 mos. to Oct. 31, '90,	5 00
"	634.	Israel Spear, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, 90,	6 00
"	635.	John S. Gray, 1 lamp, 9 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	4 50
"	636.	J. E. Hutchinson, 1 lamp, 9 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	4 50
"	637.	Helen E. Clapp, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	638.	Wm. J. Burgess, 1 lamp, 6 mos. to Dec. 31, 90,	3 00
"	639.	J. B. Cram, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
"	640.	Agnes Plimpton, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, 90,	6 00
"	641.	Edmund Polleys, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00
		Amount carried forward,	$224 50

	Amount brought forward		$244 50	
"	642.	Warren Hartshorn, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	643.	C. F. Hartshorn, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	644.	Amos Binney, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	645.	David Fisher, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	646.	S. W. Hartshorn, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	647.	Geo. H. French, 1 lamp, 6 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	3 00	
"	648.	Wm. H. Clark, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	6 00	
"	652.	Wm. E. Freese, 1 lamp, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, 90,	6 00	
"	673.	Geo. E. Craig, 3 lamps, 1 yr. to Dec. 31, '90,	18 00	
"	674.	Fisher Guild, 1 lamp, 9 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	4 50	
"	675.	Daniel Turner, 1 lamp, 8 mos. to Dec. 31, '90,	4 00	
				$296 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$300 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	296 00	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$4 00

TOWN HALL.

Order	46.	Webster Gasolene Co., gasolene,	$28 60	
"	51.	M. W. Allen, repairs,	2 45	
"	87.	N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	59	
"	136.	The Howard Watch and Clock Co., repairs,	8 00	
"	212.	Webster Gasolene Co., gasolene,	20 70	
"	216.	N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	40	
"	260.	M. W. Allen, repairs,	1 95	
"	452.	Climax Gasolene Co., gasolene,	10 30	
"	453.	Climax Gasolene Co., gasolene,	19 90	
"	552.	David Fisher, wood and coal,	101 47	
"	560.	Webster Gasolene Co, gasolene,	27 50	
"	649.	Porter S. Boyden, repairs,	1 76	
"	654.	N. B. Wilmarth, services 1 year,	250 00	
				$473 62

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$300 00	
Rent of Hall,	300 00	
Sale of empty barrels,	3 20	
		$603 20

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	$473 62
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,	$129 58

STATE AID.

James F. Hopkins, Act. 1889, Chap. 279,		$120 00	
E. E. Jackson, Acts 1889, Chap. 301,	$48 00		
Augusta M. Greene, Acts 1889, Chap. 301,	48 00		
Mary Menix, Acts 1889, Chap. 301,	16 00		
Ellen M. Lake, Acts 1889, Chap. 301,	40 00		
		152 00	
			$272 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	$204 00	
Charged to support of poor outside of almshouse,	60 00	
		$264 00

Expenditures.

Deficiency Dec. 31, 1889,	$204 00	
Sundries as per statement, one-half to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Mass.,	120 00	
Sundries as per statement to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Mass.,	152 00	
	$476 00	
Deficiency Dec. 31, 1890,		$212 00

Due from Commonwealth of Mass., Acts of 1889, Chap. 279,	60 00	
Due from Commonwealth of Mass., Acts of 1889, Chap. 301,	152 00	
		212 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Order 489.	Nathan W. Fisher, assessor,	$100 00	
" 498.	David Fisher, assessor,	100 00	
" 503.	Fred H. Fowler, selectman and overseer of poor,	100 00	
" 557.	Joseph Whitehouse, assessor,	100 00	
" 606.	Geo. P. Mowry, registrar,	25 00	
" 607.	" " " town clerk,	50 00	
" 618.	James G. Hartshorn, registrar,	15 00	
" 619.	Wm. A. Jepson, registrar,	15 00	
" 620.	Charles H. Hartshorn, selectman and overseer of poor,	100 00	
" 621.	John A. Way, registrar,	15 00	
" 922.	Julius Guild, selectman and overseer of poor,	100 00	
" 653.	Frank O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	100 00	
			$820 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$1,000 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$820 00	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$180 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Order 222.	Robert S. Gray, treasurer,	$300 00	
" 356.	" " " "	200 00	
" 462.	" " " "	200 00	
			$700 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$700 00

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$700 00

POST 157, G. A. R.

Order 225. M. W. Allen, Quarter Master,	$100 00

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$100 00

POLICE.

Order 210.	A. L. Keyes, special services,	$2 50	
" 265.	N. Emmons Winslow, special services,	19 00	
" 333.	A. L. Keyes, special services,	8 50	
" 347.	J. J. Feeley, Dwyer case,	10 00	
" 364.	N. E. Winslow, special services,	12 25	
" 368.	W. H. Boyden, special services,	6 00	
" 491.	N. E. Winslow, special services,	31 00	
" 539.	J. J. Feeley, Dwyer case,	15 00	
" 546.	C. O. Hall, special services,	6 00	
" 588.	Thomas M. Crowley, special services,	17 50	
" 623.	E. Winslow, special services,	6 00	
			$133 75

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,		$500 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	$133 75		
Transferred to ventilation of Center school house account,	200 00		
		333 75	
			$166 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Order	93.	David Fisher, horses,	$2 00
"	130.	Tiger Engine Co., services June 15, 1890,	101 00
"	131.	Tiger Engine Co., services June 9, 1890,	19 50
"	151.	W. A. Morrissey, services,	9 50
"	152.	Helen E. Clapp, 3 mos. rent, H. and L.,	7 50
"	206.	Spring Brook Hose Co., 9 members, $2 each,	18 00
"	208.	Henry C. Hunt & Co., supplies,	5 60
"	209.	Tiger Engine Co., 15 members, $2 each,	30 00
"	220.	Neponset H. and L. Co., 6 members, $2 each,	12 00
"	221.	Neponset H. and L. Co., 3 fires,	55 50
"	233.	W. A. Morrissey, sundries,	7 69
"	276.	Boston Woven Hose Co., hose,	329 00
"	279.	Tiger Engine Co., fire blacksmith shop,	4 00
"	332.	Helen E. Clapp, 3 mos. rent, H. and L. Co.,	7 50
"	342.	F. N. Gay, fire at Jerry Lanes,	5 00
"	343.	David Fisher, horses,	1 00
"	365.	J. F. Ellis, forest fire,	5 00
"	418.	Helen E. Clapp, 3 mos. rent, H. and L. Co.,	7 50
"	419.	W. O. Hartshorn, rent, Tiger Engine Co.,	33 00
"	511.	David Fisher,	1 00
"	512.	" "	3 00
		Amount carried forward,	$664 29

	Amount brought forward,		$664 29
" 513.	F. N. Gay,	22 05	
" 555.	Neponset H. and L. Co.,	49 50	
" 562.	Tiger Engine Co.,	8 00	
" 603.	Helen E. Clapp, 3 mos. rent, H. and L. Co.,	7 50	
" 611.	E. L. Shepard, services forest fire,	1 85	
" 677.	Spring Brook Hose Co., fires,	38 50	
" 678.	Spring Brook Hose Co., repairs,	2 20	
			$793 89

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	Mar. 3, 1890,	$500 00
"	April 17, 1890,	390 00
Total appropriations for fire dep't.,		$890 00

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$793 89	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$96 11

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Order 92.	Maverick National Bank, interest,	$ 40 00	
" 148.	Maverick National Bank, interest,	100 00	
" 178.	Irvin A. Evans & Co., discount,	236 67	
	Amount carried forward,		$376 67

	Amount brought forward,		$376 67
" 303.	H. A. Willis, treasurer, interest,	240 00	
" 304.	Maverick National Bank, interest,	40 00	
" 374.	Maverick National Bank, note and interest,	2040 00	
" 412.	Maverick National Bank, interest,	100 00	
" 617.	Maverick National Bank, interest,	40 00	
" 663.	H. A. Willis, treasurer,	240 00	
			$3,076 67

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$3,000 00	
Interest on deposits,	131 26	
	$3,131 26	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$3,076 67	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$54 59

STATE TAX.

Order 558. George A. Marden, state treasurer, $1,557 50

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$1,557 50

LOAN ACCOUNT.

Order	535.	Maverick National Bank,	$10,000 00

Receipts.

Maverick National Bank,	$10,000 00

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Order	27.	Thomas Groom & Co., paper,	$1 60
"	82.	Horace C. Metcalf, stamps,	2 86
"	83.	Fred H. Fowler, sundries,	2 10
"	84.	Allen-Print, posters,	2 25
"	85.	Samuel Ward Company, paper and envelopes,	7 63
"	95.	Allen-Print, town reports,	127 50
"	96.	" " town warrants,	4 75
"	132.	" " printing, paper, &c.,	7 75
"	134.	Fred H. Fowler, sundries,	2 79
"	154.	Frank O. Pilsbury, stamps,	1 00
"	172.	Allen-Print, town warrants,	3 25
"	211.	Allen-Print, extra town reports,	1 80
"	226.	Allen-Print, poor farm tickets,	1 15
"	278.	Samuel Ward Company, stationery,	2 69
"	302.	Frank O. Pilsbury, sundries,	1 25
"	305.	Allen-Print,	2 30
		Amount carried forward,	$172 67

	Amount brought forward,			$172 67
"	313.	Fred H. Fowler, stamps,	2 00	
"	340.	Allen-Print, town warrants,	2 25	
"	369.	" " notices,	1 95	
"	370.	" " assessors notices,	1 00	
"	371.	E. B. Thorndike, tax bills,	9 50	
"	372.	Samuel Hobbs & Co., draft book,	8 00	
"	413.	Allen-Print, town warrants,	2 25	
"	456.	" " registration posters,	2 50	
"	490.	Fred H. Fowler, sundries,	2 35	
"	540.	David Fisher, sundries,	12 03	
"	551.	Alden & Barron, dog notices,	75	
"	586.	Allen-Print, town warrants,	3 40	
"	587.	Frank O. Pilsbury, stamps,	1 00	
"	614.	Allen-Print, posters,	1 50	
				$223 15

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$250 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$223 15	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$26 85

WALPOLE PLAIN CEMETERY.

Order 339.	E. L. Shepard, labor,	$8 08

Receipts.

Interest on $200, Capen Fund, to May 1, 1890,	$8 08

BUSH ROAD.

Order 306.	Edwin Everett,	$94 25	
" 367.	" "	154 70	
			$248 95

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$350 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$248 95	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$101 05

KENDALL STREET.

Order 224.	Mrs. Jas. Morrissey, land damage,	$175 00	
" 345.	Geo. A. Russell, contract,	335 00	
" 377.	George H. Kingsbury, fencing,	45 55	
			$555 55

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$600 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	555 55	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$44 45

MISCELLANEOUS.

Order	45.	E. Winslow,	$6 89
"	47.	L. H. Plimpton, M. D., recording births,	3 50
"	52.	M. W. Allen, Auditor 1889,	5 00
"	53.	W. E. Freese, " 1889,	5 00
"	54.	Samuel Allen, Ballot clerk, 1889,	5 00
"	55.	Julius Guild, Ballot clerk, 1889,	5 00
"	56.	James B. Lewis, Ballot clerk, 1889,	5 00
"	57.	Wm. E. Freese, Ballot clerk, 1889,	5 00
"	133.	Fred H. Fowler, sundries,	4 00
"	150.	George Tyler & Co., road machine parts,	8 00
"	173.	Thomas Sheridan, distributing ballots 1890,	2 00
"	175.	E. L. Shepard, removing snow,	2 75
"	176.	Andrew Carberry, removing snow,	6 50
"	177.	Andrew Carberry, pound,	11 00
"	215.	N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	25
"	232.	E. L. Burdakin, record of deeds.	15 00
"	266.	N. E. Winslow, posting warrants, &c.,	23 54
"	269.	George A. Marden, State Treasurer, liquor licenses,	50
"	277.	John F. Freese, sundries,	1 74
"	355.	George P. Morey, insurance,	6 00
		Amount carried forward,	$121 67

	Amount brought forward	$121 67	
"	362. Henry E. Bonney, repairs on watering trough,	1 00	
"	363. N. E. Winslow, constable,	49 50	
"	373. F. H. Fowler, paid express,	60	
"	415. N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Co., freight,	2 28	
"	420. Thomas E. Clary, insurance,	7 55	
"	421. George P. Morey, insurance,	7 54	
"	424. Town of Norfolk, taxes for 1890,	1 80	
"	493. N. E. Winslow, posting two town warrants,	13 00	
"	550. N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., 2 messages for Coroner,	50	
"	589. Horace Briggs, sundries,	2 50	
"	602. George H. French, M. D., recording births, 1890,	2 50	
"	608. George P. Morey, sundries,	5 65	
"	612. Holmes Nye, sundries,	7 00	
"	613. Munro Bros., repairs,	4 13	
"	615. Frank O. Pilsbury, sundries,	2 85	
"	624. E. Winslow, teaming and freight bills,	5 54	
"	656. Eben C. Norton, M. D., returning births, 1890,	3 25	
"	657. George P. Morey, canvassing vote for Rep.,	5 00	
	Amount carried forward,		$243 86

	Amount brought forward,	$243 86	
" 671.	Town of Medfield, 1-2 cost of three bound-posts,	1 50	
" 676.	Nathaniel Smith, services,	81 00	
" 655.	E. Winslow, services dog warrant,	11 00	
" 680.	L. H. Plimpton, M. D., returning births,	3 75	
" 683.	Nathan A. Cobb, discounts,	1,627 11	
" 684.	Nathan A. Cobb, abatements,	101 36	
" 685.	Nathan A. Cobb, services,	407 21	
			$2,476 79

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$1,500 00	
Corporation tax,	654 92	
National Bank tax,	589 39	
F. O. Pilsbury,	1 00	
W. H. A. Newton,	1 00	
Proceeds sale of pound,	30 00	
" " " grass,	3 00	
" " " portion poor farm,	400 00	
		$3,179 31

Expenditures.

Sundries as per statement,	$2,476 79
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,	$702 52

NORTH SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Order	264.	M. W. Allen,	$4 85	
"	348.	Porter S. Boyden,	250 00	
"	350.	Julius Guild,	30 13	
"	375.	M. W. Allen,	3 00	
"	376.	Con. Reardon,	1 50	
"	379.	A. D. Willett,	44 00	
"	446.	Porter S. Boyden,	264 00	
"	447.	T. A. Barrett,	2 50	
				$599 98

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$600 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$599 98	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		02

SOUTH SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Order	349.	Porter S. Boyden,	$250 00	
"	443.	" " "	350 00	
				$600 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$600 00

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	$600 00

VENTILATION CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE.

Order 425.	Exeter Machine Works,	$1,000 00	
" 541.	" " "	1,000 00	
			$2,000 00

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$2,500 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	2,000 00	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$500 00

TRANSPORTATION.

Order 329.	Tessie E. Smith, car fare, So. Walpole.	$2 80	
" 330.	Henry Clarkin, car fare, So. Walpole,	2 80	
" 547.	Henry Clarkin, car fare, So. Walpole,	4 60	
" 548.	Nellie M. Clarkin, car fare, So. Walpole,	4 60	
" 549.	Tessie E. Smith, car fare, So. Walpole,	4 60	
" 584.	Flora B. Boyden, car fare, So. Walpole,	2 80	
" 585.	Flora B. Boyden, car fare, So. Walpole,	4 60	
			$26 80

STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation,	$500 00	

Expenditures.

Sundries, as per statement,	26 80	
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1890,		$473 20

RECAPITULATION.

Support of schools, salaries, care of schoolhouses, fuel for schools, and superintendence,	$8,841 68
Repairs of schoolhouses,	252 96
Supplies and incidentals for schools,	686 86
Support of poor at almshouse,	918 56
Support of poor out of almshouse,	1,072 90
Highways,	4,624 50
Street lamps,	296 00
Miscellaneous,	2,476 79
Town hall,	473 62
State aid,	212 00
Town officers,	820 00
Post 157, G. A. R.,	100 00
Public library,	700 00
Police,	133 75
Fire department,	793 89
Notes and interest,	3,076 67
State Tax,	1,557 50
Temporary loans,	10,000 00
Printing and stationery,	223 15
Walpole Plain cemetery,	8 08
Amount carried forward,	$37,268 91

Amount brought forward,	$37,268 91	
Bush road,	248 95	
Kendall street,	555 55	
North schoolhouse,	599 98	
South schoolhouse,	600 00	
Ventilation Center schoolhouse,	2,000 00	
Transportation,	26 80	
		$41,300 19

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

Dec. 31, 1890.

Assets.

Cash in the Treasury,	$4,906 40	
Due from the Commonwealth, for State aid, Chap. 279, Acts, 1889.	60 00	
Due from the Commonwealth, for State aid, Chap. 301, Acts, 1889,	152 00	
Due from the City of Boston, for support of paupers,	51 45	
Due from the heirs of Nath'l Bird, for support of Mary Bird,	80 00	

Liabilities.

Due appropriation for Town Records,	$ 50 00	
" " " ventilation Center schoolhouse,	500 00	
Due appropriation for transportation of scholars,	473 20	

The following is a statement of the Town's debt on account of Town Hall, bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually: —

Note due April 1, 1891,	$5000 00	
" " July 1, 1896,	2000 00	
		$7000 00

Also debt on account school-house, bearing interest at 4 per cent., payable semi-annually: —

Note due July 1, 1891,	$2400 00	
" " " 1, 1892,	2400 00	
" " " 1, 1893,	2400 00	
" " " 1, 1894,	2400 00	
" " " 1, 1895,	2400 00	
		$12000 00

VENTILATION CENTER SCHOOL HOUSE.

Note due Oct. 1, 1896,	$1000 00

ESTIMATES FOR 1891.

Support of schools, salaries, care of school-houses, fuel for schools and superintendence,	$8500 00
Incidentals for schools,	650 00
Repairs of school-houses,	250 00
" " highways and bridges,	3000 00
Support of poor at Almshouse,	1200 00
" " " out of "	1500 00
Fire Department,	500 00
Town Hall,	300 00
Notes and interest,	8400 00
Public Library,	700 00
Post 157, G. A. R.,	100 00
Town Officers,	900 00
Printing and stationery,	250 00
Street lamps,	400 00
Miscellaneous,	1500 00
State tax, amount assessed,	
County tax, "	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
FRED H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

WALPOLE, Dec. 31, 1890.

OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN, TOWN HALL,
Walpole, Mass., Feb'y. 3, 1891.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending December 31, 1890, and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOSEPH S. LEACH,
WM. E. FREESE,
Auditors.

LIST OF JURORS.

As Revised by the Selectmen for the Year 1891.

Allen, Samuel
Allen, Joshua
Bagley, Clinton
Boyden, Elbridge P.
Bacon, Herbert E.
Briggs, Horace C.
Craig, George E.
Cobb, Nathan A.
Childs, Harrison H.
Everett, Daniel E.
Everett, Edwin
Fales, Charles
Fisher, Nathan W.
Fowler, Fred H.
Fuller, George S.
Guild, Julius
Guild, Samuel E.
Hall, Charles O.
Hanners, Joshua B.
Hartshorn, Warren
Joyce, Peter
Jepson, William A.
Leland, James H.
Lewis, James B.
Maguire, Thomas F.
Moore, William 2nd
Morse, Richard
Mahoney, Thomas
Nye, Holmes
O'Brien, John P.
Plimpton, Thomas D.
Reed, Francis L.
Smith, Henry W.
Turner, Daniel
Tisdale, Percy E.
Whitten, Ivory
Wetherbee, George W.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
FRED H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

GUIDE-BOARDS.

Guide-boards have been maintained at the following points, viz: Corner East and Main streets; corner Washington and Common streets; and at Sharon Line; corner Kendall and Main streets; Plimpton and Main streets; corner Kendall and School streets; corner Cross and Main streets; corner Plimpton and East streets; corner Diamond and East streets; corner Kendall and East streets; corner Short and East streets; corner Kendall and Washington streets; corner Kendall and Peach streets; corner Main and Fisher streets; corner North and Main streets; corner North and Cemetery streets; corner Main and Mylod streets; corner Main and Bullard streets; corner Main and Gill streets; corner North and High streets; corner North and Fisher streets; corner Fisher and Brook streets; corner North and Gill streets; corner Main and Gould streets; corner Summer and Coney streets; corner Coney and Pleasant streets; corner Pleasant and Union streets; corner Washington and Union streets; corner East and Washington streets; corner South and Washington streets; corner Washington and Pine streets; corner Water and Washington streets; corner South and Pine streets; corner Summer and Neponset streets; corner Winter and Summer streets; corner West and Back streets; corner Winter and Main streets; corner Granite and Back streets; corner Plain and Main streets; corner Kingsbury and Plain streets; corner Cedar and West streets; corner Norfolk and West streets; corner Norfolk and Main streets; corner Oak and Main streets; corner South and Common streets; corner Clap and Common streets; corner Elm and West streets; corner Main and Common streets; corner Main and Stone streets; corner Spring and West streets; corner Main and Spring streets.

EDWIN EVERETT,
Supt. of Streets.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

1890.			
Jan. 1.	Amount of personal property at Almshouse,	$600 00	
	Amount paid for supplies,	918 56	
			$1518 56
Dec. 31.	Amount of personal property at Almshouse,	$600 00	
	Amount received for sundries,	221 00	
			$821 00
	Net cost,		$697 56

INMATES DURING THE YEAR.

Mary Bird,	52 weeks.	
Nancy D. Knowlton,	52 "	
Clarissa H. Cheney,	52 "	
Sarah A. F. Richardson,	1 "	6 days.
	157 "	6 "

Tramps, 536.

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Amount paid out,		$1072 90
" received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	$58 76	
Amount received from city of Boston,	40 00	
" " " A. D. Willett,	65 46	
Due from the City of Boston,	51 45	
		$215 67
Net cost,		$857 23

For the past year the charge of the almshouse has continued in charge of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Chapin, as Master and Matron. They have conducted the affairs in a faithful and economical manner, and for the best interests of the town and its dependents.

The average number of inmates gives 157 6-7 weeks for one person, against 193 3-7, the average of last year; making the cost per week for each inmate $4.41. Very little has been paid out in repairs during the present year, but in the near future considerable will have to be expended to keep the buildings in proper condition, as they are very old and need repairing in a number of ways. We would call your attention to the report for the support of the poor out of the almshouse.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. HARTSHORN,
FRED H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,
Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR 1890.

NATHAN A. COBB, *Collector, in account with town of Walpole.*

1890.	DR.	
To amount of taxes for 1890, committed for collection,	$29,096 28	
To accrued interest,	8 76	
		$29,105 04

			CR.
Aug.	12.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	$200 00
"	13.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	365 00
"	20.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	69 58
"	25.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	302 36
"	28.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	145 00
Sept.	2.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	100 00
"	6.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	80 01
"	13.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	231 13
"	20.	By cash paid F. O. Pils-	
		Amount carried forward,	$1,493 08

		Amount brought forward,	$1,493 08	
		bury, treasurer,	547 34	
"	30.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	441 05	
Oct.	7.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	288 50	
"	15.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasures,	289 58	
"	18.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	816 10	
"	25.	By cash paid F, O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	684 50	
"	29.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	305 22	
Nov.	1.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	2,218 56	
"	3.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	1,643 87	
"	4.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	16,912 70	
		By county tax,	1,197 75	
"	29.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	50 27	
Dec.	30.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	69 83	
"	31.	By cash paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	189 37	
			$27,147 72	
Dec.	31.	By abatement on taxes,	101 36	
		By discount on taxes,	1,627 11	
		By uncollected taxes on Walpole Plain house lots,	228 85	
				$29,105 04

1889.

ACCOUNT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES ON WALPOLE PLAIN HOUSE LOTS FOR 1889.

	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1889,	$185 27	
Apr. 3.	Paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	$21 50	
Aug. 20.	Paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	14 34	
Dec. 31.	Paid F. O. Pilsbury, treasurer,	4 16	
			$40 00
	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1889,	$185 27	
	Collected to Dec. 31, 1890,	40 00	
Balance of 1889 taxes uncollected,			$145 27

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN A. COBB,

Collector.

Walpole, Dec. 31, 1890.

Examined and approved,

CHARLES H. HARTSHORN,
FRED H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,

Selectmen of Walpole.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

F. O. PILSBURY, *Treasurer, in account with the Town of Walpole.*

1890.		*Dr.*	
Jan.	1.	To balance from old account, being cash on hand,	$3,722 10
"	27.	To county teasurer, for dog licenses in 1889,	356 66
"	27.	To state treasurer, for income Mass. School Fund,	167 19
Feb.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Jan. deposits)	8 93
"	15.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall,	50 00
Mar.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Feb. deposits)	5 99
"	7.	To City of Boston, (poor out of almshouse,)	40 00
"	8.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent Town Hall,	50 00
"	29.	To Geo. N. Bird, Agt. for heirs of Nathaniel Bird, (10 weeks board of Mary Bird at $2.50)	25 00
April	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Mar. deposits)	3 81
		Amount carried forward,	$4,429 68

		Amount brought forward,	$4,429 68
"	3.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1889,	21 50
"	10.	To S. W. Hartshorn, for stone from old pound,	30 00
"	19.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall,	50 00
"	23.	To Irving A. Evans & Co.,(Treasurer's note, 7 mos. at 4 per cent., due Nov. 23–26, 1890)	10,000 00
"	29.	To state treasurer, for school supt. for small town,	467 13
May	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on April deposits,)	6 24
"	1.	To F. O. Pilsbury, for 6th class liquor license fee,	1 00
"	8.	To W. H. A. Newton, for 6th class liquor license fee,	1 00
"	14.	To Dedham Institution for Savings, (int. on $200, Capen Fund, to May 1st,)	8 08
"	23.	To state treasurer, support of state paupers,	46 76
		Temporary support of state paupers,	2 00
		Burial of state pauper,	10 00
June	2.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on May deposits)	17 40
"	4.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall,	50 00
		Amount carried forward,	$15,140 79

		Amount brought forward,	$15,140 79
"	25.	To Geo. N. Bird, Agt. for heirs of Nathaniel Bird, (10 wks. board of Mary Bird, at $2.50)	25 00
"	26.	To Wm. Floyd of Norfolk, (for standing grass on meadow in Norfolk, owned by Town of Walpole, in 1889)	3 00
July	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on June deposits)	12 39
"	8.	To Geo. P. Chapin, for sales at almshouse,	55 00
Aug.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on July deposits,)	9 48
"	12.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	200 00
"	13.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	365 00
"	20.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1889,	14 34
"	20.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	69 58
"	25.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	302 36
"	28.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	145 00
Sept.	2.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Aug. deposits)	7 46
		Amount carried forward,	$16,349 40

		Amount brought forward,	$16,349 40
"	2.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent Town Hall,	50 00
"	2.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	100 00
"	6.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	80 01
"	13.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	231 13
"	20.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	547 34
"	30.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	441 05
Oct.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Sept. deposits)	3 70
"	1.	To Barnard & Stanwood, for loan for school house ventilation, (treasurer's note, 6 yrs. at 4 per cent., due Oct. 1, 1896)	1,000 00
"	7.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	288 50
"	9.	To Geo. P. Chapin, for sales at almshouse,	45 00
"	13.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	289 58
"	16.	To Walworth M'f'g.Co., for 4 empty barrels,	3 20
"	18.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	816 10
		Amount carried forward,	$20,245 01

		Amount brought forward,	$20,245 01
"	25.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	684 50
"	29.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	305 22
"	31.	To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall,	50 00
Nov.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Oct. deposits)	3 98
"	1.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	2,218 56
"	3.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	1,643 87
"	4.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	16,912 70
"	7.	To Old Colony R. R. Co., for sand-hill lot at poor farm,	400 00
"	29.	To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	50 27
Dec.	1.	To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Nov. deposits)	34 03
"	9.	To State Treasurer :—	
		Corporation tax,	654 92
		National Bank tax,	589 39
		State aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889,	60 00
		State aid, Chap. 301, Acts 1889,	144 00
		Amount carried forward,	$43,996 45

	Amount brought forward,	$43,996 45		
"	15. To F. H. Evans, for tuition of Freeman Evans at High school, (14 weeks at $1 per week)	14 00		
"	30. To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	69 83		
"	31 To Geo. P. Chapin, for sales at almshouse,	71 00		
"	31. To Maverick National Bank, (int. on Dec. deposits)	17 85		
"	31. To N. B. Wilmarth, for rent of Town Hall,	50 00		
"	31. To A. D. Willett, guardian, for board of Chas. Clapp at Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	65 46		
"	31. To N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1889,	4 16		
"	31. To. N. A. Cobb, collector, on acct. taxes for 1890,	1,917 84		
			$46,206	59

Cr.

By amount paid out by Selectmen's orders,	$41,300 19		
By balance cash on hand to new acct.,	4,906 40		
		$46,206	59

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. PILSBURY,

Town Treasurer.

WALPOLE, Dec. 13, 1890.

Examined and approved,

CHAS. H. HARTSHORN,
FRED. H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER, TOWN HALL,
WALPOLE, MASS., February 3, 1891.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the year ending December 31st, 1890, and find them correct and properly vouched.

JOSEPH S. LEACH,
WM. E. FREESE,
Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1890.

VALUATION OF TOWN, MAY 1st, 1890.

Assessed value of personal estate,	$441,051 00	
Assessed value of real estate,	1,502,525 00	
		$1,943,576 00

Total Tax,	$29,096 28
Rate of taxation,	14 20
Number of polls — male,	746
Number of polls — female,	11
Number of acres of land,	12,541½
Number of horses,	392
Number of cows,	527
Number of neat cattle,	97
Number of swine,	103

DAVID FISHER,
N. W. FISHER,
J. WHITEHOUSE,
Assessors of Walpole.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees would respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1890:—

Miss Gough continues to serve as Librarian to the entire satisfaction of the Trustees and patrons of the library.

The new catalogue determined upon last year, has been issued. Your Trustees decided upon the adoption of some system which, if possible, should group together books of like nature or authorship, which should be simple and of easy use for the librarian and the public, and which should be capable of indefinite expansion without alteration of the system, to meet the requirements of the future growth of the library.

The Dewey, or Decimal system, of classification, supplemented by the Cutter "author numbers," appeared to meet all these requirements, and in addition to possess the advantage that the numbers given the books are no longer mere arbitrary figures, but are in themselves indices of the subject matter of each volume.

After mature deliberation and consultation with other libraries, this system was adopted.

A thorough overhauling of the library was necessary as a preliminary to the actual work of preparing the catalogue. 465 volumes have been rebound and many other books have received minor repairs at the hands of the Trustees.

The work of preparing for the press was placed in the hands of an expert, Mrs. S. A. C. Bond, and her assistant Miss Bertha Merrill, with such aid as the Trustees could give. The firm of Rockwell & Churchill was intrusted with the printing, as the most satisfactory terms were offered by this firm, which has had large experience in such work.

The catalogue was placed in the hands of the printers June 24th, 1890, and was ready for delivery Sept 20. It contains the titles of 3,590 works, many of which consist of several volumes with separate titles. There are in all 8,731 book-numbers. The proof sheets were corrected.

in addition to the printer's correction, by Mrs. Bond and one of the Trustees, and though some errors will undoubtedly appear, the Trustees believe that they have prepared a catalogue that will serve the readers of this town for many years. Owing to the large number of Public Documents and the fact that they are rarely, if ever, called for, your Trustees felt justified in excluding them from the catalogue. They have been systematically arranged on the shelves, and may be consulted there by application to the Librarian. Any printed catalogue will in time become out of date, from the addition of new books.

The library card-catalogue is the only one which can be constantly kept up to date.

Your Trustees hope to establish one in the near future to include all works in the library (including Public Documents), and to describe each book more fully than is practicable in a printed catalogue. A beginning has been made in this work.

It has been our custom during the past year to keep books of Travel, History and Biography, on the table, for the purpose of attracting attention to them. It has resulted in the increased circulation of that class of literature.

The same magazines are taken as last year with the addition of "The Arena."

The following books have been donated to the library during the year:

Mrs. S. A. C. Bond, The Holy Bible.
Miss Martha Gould, 17 numbers of Scribner's Magazine.
Rev. Wm. E. Griffis, "Japanese Fairy World."
Mr. Amos Binney, "Black Beauty."
Mr. Chas. Vose, "Life of Dorothea Dix."
South Walpole Y. W. C. T. U., "The Union Signal."
B. & M. R. R. Co., "All along Shore."
B. & M. R. R. Co., "Lake Champlain and its Shores."

Also we are indebted to the publishers of the "Norfolk Democrat," "Walpole Star" and "Norwood Advertiser," for copies of their papers, all of whom will please accept our grateful acknowledgements.

The following statistics are furnished by the Librarian:

Total circulation for the year,	11,461
Whole number of persons taking books,	750

Number of new persons,	103
Percentage of fiction issued,	71
Percentage of magazines,	15
Percentage of all other books,	14

The fact of the library being closed for three months accounts for the decreased circulation as compared with last year. The largest circulation was in November and the smallest in July.

Your Trustees would gratefully acknowledge the gift of $100 from the Hon. F. W. Bird; but even with his generous help the appropriation for last year was insufficient to meet all the extra expense connected with the new catalogue. The Trustees would therefore recommend that the town appropriate and raise $700 the same as last year.

For all details of expense in maintaining the library you are respectfully referred to the Treasurer's report.

For the Trustees.

N. W. FISHER, *Chairman.*

TREASURER OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ROBT. S. GRAY, *Treasurer of the Trustees, in account with Walpole Public Library.*

1890. *Dr.*

Jan.	1.	To balance on hand,	$347 48	
		Received from Town Treasurer,	700 00	
		Received from fines	27 50	
		" sale of catalogue	37 39	
		" interest on bond,	6 00	
		" to replace lost book,	1 20	
		Received Hon. F.W. Bird,	100 00	
				$1,219 57

Cr.

By Librarian's salary to date,	$150 00	
" " extra labor,	58 71	
" new books,	110 93	
" supplies,	56 14	
" binding books,	112 70	
" printing,	301 00	
" work on new catalogue,	407 70	
" balance on hand,	22 39	
		$1,219 57

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. GRAY,

Treasurer of the Trustees.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

The Engineers of the Fire Department respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Jan. 8.—Fire at Cram's Mills; total loss.

Jan. 14—Fire at Walpole Emery Mills; loss $40,000.

Feb. 14.—Fire at house of Patrick Meanix; loss $1,200.

May 22.—Fire at barn of Thomas Sheridan; total loss, $600.

Sept. 2.—House of Edward Kanaley burned; total loss.

Oct. 7.—Barn of Dr. A. J. Runnells burned; total loss.

CHARLES FALES,
H. N. LEWIS,
FRANK N. GAY,
Engineers W. F. D.

Report of the Town Clerk of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Town of Walpole for year ending December 31, 1890.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '90.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1886.		
Sept. 17.	Eva Rebecca Smith	David and Isabel H.
1889.		
April 14.	Richard Hennessey,	William and Mary
June 5.	William George Mauritz	Robert and Christina
July 23.	Joseph James Bendel	Joseph and Catherine E
Sept. 17.	Roy Warren Hewins	William K. and Elizabeth A.
1890		
Jan. 20.	Sarah Florence Hartshorn	Thomas W. and Hattie F.
Feb. 2.	Mary Emeline Johnson	Bernardo S. and Anna
" 3.	Gertrude Lena Bateman	Arthur L and Elleone Violetta
" 14.	Emma Maria Morse	Jason A. and Carrie E.
" 16.	Amy Sybil Rhodes	Aaron D and Priscilla
" 20.	Standish William Berry	Standish L and Beatrice
March 7.	Helen Josephine Morrissey	Thomas and Margaret
" 9.	Eben Marshall Fisher	Albert and Lillian F.
" 10.		Harry and Mary A. Eastman
" 12.	Flora Elizabeth Flower	Charles A. and Flora M.
" 24.	Mary E. Downing	Michael E. and Mary
April 14.	Joseph Able	Auguste and Elizabeth
" 29.	Dennis Delaney	Daniel and Joanna
May 10.	Joseph Rice.	Thomas P. H. and Ellen
" 26.	John Morrissey	Patrick and Anna
" 28.	John Dillingham Moody	Thomas and Isabella
" 30.	Anna May Patten	John H. and Margaret
July 3.	Catharine Elizabeth Hartnett	John W. and Martha D.
4.	Thomas P. Maguire	John H. and Mary E.
" 5.	Maurice Joseph Ahern	Maurice O. and Ellen
" 9.	Lelia Cobb Weatherbee	Frederick B and Willie A.
" 10.	Daniel Willis Fisher	Nathan W. and Alma B.
" "	Edward Stone Cram	Arthur N. and Carrie E.
" 11.	Hannah F. Burton	George J and Mary
" 13.	James Wallace Loring	Charles H. and Eunice A.
" 15.	Henry Bernard O'Brion	John P. and Mary S.
" 20.	Reba Laureston French	George H and Nellie M.
" 23.	Henrietta Shaier	Joseph and Elizabeth
" 27.	James Sullivan	James and Hannah
" 3.	Helen J. Lowney	Dennis and Catherine
Aug. 8.	Stewart Edward Coburn	Edward B. and Elizabeth
" 15.	Lizzie Colbert	Michael and Ellen
" 28.	Joseph Carberry	Andrew and Annie M.
" 31.	Isabella Hennessey	James and Mary
Sept. 1.	Ethel Mahala Gay	Nathan O. and Annie E.
" 2	Susie Ann Clinton	John J and Susan E.
" 3.	Michael Joseph Philbin	Philip J. and Mary A.
" 5.	Auguste Rudolph Mauritz	Robert and Christina
Oct. 4.	Annie Dunlap	James and Annie
" 15.	Kathleen Swift	Andrew C. and Kate F.
Nov. 2.	Charles Donnelly	Patrick and Annie
" 6.	Annie Gertrude Schorer	David F. and Annie V.
" "	Edith Frances Munro	Thomas S. and Edith
" 13.	Hannah Maria Manley	Daniel and Margaret
" 16.	Mary Dourer	Thomas and Mary
" 30.	Dana Robbins	Nelson A. and Rose
Dec. 10.	Margaret Binney Fairfield	Frank H. and Harriet N.

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '90.

Jan.	30.	—Frank H. Cushman, of Plymouth, and Lucy D. Morton, of Walpole.
April	11.	—William H. Patterson and Mary A. Butler, both of Walpole.
May	7.	—Daniel McDonald and Ellen Collins, both of Walpole.
"	10.	—William Smith, of Walpole, and Mary Russell, of Medfield.
June	11.	—Leonard Barber, of Boston, and Hattie E. Gray, of Walpole.
"	18.	—Thomas Mahoney and Mary E. Searson, both of Walpole.
"	24.	—Lyman F. Bigelow, of Norwood, and Elizabeth J. Hartshorn, of Walpole.
"	26.	—William B. Norton, of Hyde Park, and Fanny G. Merrick, of Walpole.
"	"	—John M. Smith and Joanna M. Crowley, both of Walpole.
July	10.	—Elmer S. Spear and Lizzie P. Bird, both of Walpole.
"	20.	—Richmond H. Parker, of Foxboro, and Elsie Parish, of Walpole.
Sept.	4.	—Charles Pember, of Walpole, and Elizabeth E. Sheridan, of Boston.
"	23.	—John F. Nelson, of Boston, and Mary McNerney, of Walpole.
"	"	—Daniel W. Thomas, of Walpole, and Ida E. Fuller, of Medfield.
"	29.	—Alfred Tenney, Jr., and Clara L. Lewis, both of Providence, R. I.
Nov.	17.	—Alton N. Clark and Emma E. Guild, both of Walpole.
"	21.	—Peter A. Fisher, of Norfolk, and Emma F. Dickerman, of Foxboro.
"	23.	—John Murphy and Kate Burke, both of Walpole.
"	25	—Horace A. Spear, Jr., of Walpole, and Elizabeth Evans, of Quincy.
"	27.	—Bernard McParland and Mary Connell, both of Walpole.
"	"	—Patrick J. Boyne, of Mattapan, and Margaret M. Smith, of Walpole.

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN WALPOLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '90.

Date.		Names.	Cause of Death.	Ages		
				Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	3.	Warren Boyden	Pneumonia	67	5	9
"	11.	Charles U. Herbert	Consumption	24	11	21
"	14.	Lucy H. Merrill	Carcinoma of Stomach	72	9	12
"	24.	David McKew	Old Age and La Grippe	77	9	21
Feb.	4.	Ella A Gay	Consumption	34		
"	20.	Lawson D Gray	Heart Disease	76	8	24
"	23.	Hannah F. Percey	Otitis media and Bronchitis	22		
March	8.	Albert Plimpton	Apoplexy	73	1	13
"	12.	Margaret T. Buchanan	Diabetes	76		8
"	18.	John Welch	Tonsillitis	18	1	
"	20.	Simon Gould	Typhoid Pneumonia	54	3	12
"	"	James Welch	Diptheria	11	3	27
"	28.	Mary E. Welch	Diptheria	14	2	
"	29.	Lawrence J. White	Diptheria	2		20
April	4.	Margaret M. White	Diptheria	3	3	
"	9.	Emma E. Mann	Laparotomy for intestinal obstruction, due to cicatricial bands	43		
"	14.	Samuel L. Gilman	Acute Peritonitis	63		14
"	20.	Ann L. Hill	Consumption	45	2	7
"	28.	Edwin Evans	La Grippe and Brights Disease	74		
May	9.	Eldora Smith	Phthis s	35		18
"	16.	Clara E. Williams	Phthisis	39		
"	"	Ella L Sullivan	Chronic Bronchitis		8	27
"	26.	Harri t E. Piper	Apoplexy	68	3	26
"	28.	John Morrissey	Defective Development			3
June	2.	Mary B. French	Old Age	77	8	22
"	15.	Alice M. Johnson	Piemia following operation for uterine fibroid	26		
"	16.	Patrick Donahoe	Consumption	28	2	24
"	30.	Arthur H Upton	Paralysis of Brain	40		7
July	17.	Thomas Collins	Bright's Disease	67		
Sept.	3.	Alice R Donnelly	Typhoid Fever with Pneumonia	4	11	20
"	6.	Michael Rourk	Inanition		9	18
Sept.	9.	Thomas P. Maguire	Inanition		2	5
"	16.	Margaret C Crowley	Marasmus		2	18
Oct.	5.	Annie Dunlap	Premature Birth			1
"	21.	John Hogan	Pulmon Phthisis	40		
"	30.	William W. Rhoades	Heart Disease and Old age	76		27
Nov.	13.	Patrick McHugh	Accidental Drowning	29		
Dec	14.	James Walsh	Fracture of Skull	25		
"	25.	Albert D Morse	La Grippe with Pneumonia	44		
"	26.	Elizabeth Calbert	Fits		4	15
"	30.	Caleb T Ellis	Consumption	78		

Whole Number of Births, ... 52
" " Marriages, . . . 21
" " Deaths, ... 41

GEORGE P. MOREY, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Walpole, in said County. GREETING.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of said town of Walpole, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Walpole, on Monday, the second day of March next, at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :—

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the annual reports of the Selectmen, and other Town Officers, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To determine the methods of repairing the highways, townways and bridges, during the ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see how the town will vote on the following question : "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ?" The check list shall be used, and the ballots shall be "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question.

Art. 6. To determine the manner of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will approve of the list of Jurors, as prepared by the Selectmen, and posted as required by law.

Art. 8. To see what compensation the town will allow the engineers and members of the fire department, for their services the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the town will appoint or instruct the Selectmen to appoint special police officers to enforce all laws bearing upon the sale of intoxicating liquors, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 10. To see what compensation the town will allow persons maintaining street lamps for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Engineers to purchase one thousand feet of hose, and two Chemical Fire Extinguishers, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 12 To see if the town will vote to give free of charge, the use of its halls in the Town house, to the G. A. R. Post No. 157, and to the Woman's Relief Corps No. 54, Dept. of Mass., for entertainments for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote one hundred dollars to E. B. Piper Post No. 157, G. A. R., for Memorial Day expenses.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in relation to the drainage of Cross and School streets, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 15. To see what action the town will take in regard to shingling the barn at the Poor Farm, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 16. To see what action the town will take in relation to the compensation of the Superintendent of Streets, as provided for in Chapter 98, Acts of 1889, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 17. To see if the town will provide for the transportation of scholars to and from the east, south, west and north districts, and the High School, and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 18. To make appropriations of such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, not otherwise provided, for the ensuing year.

Art. 19. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, for the ensuing year.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to fix the time within which taxes assessed therein shall be paid To see if the town will allow a discount on taxes paid on or before that date, and what interest shall be charged on any taxes remaining unpaid at that date, and to fix the compensation of Collector of taxes.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Collector, in collecting taxes, to use all means which the Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the current year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and the debts incurred under the authority of this vote are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the School Committee to unite with one or more of the following towns: Franklin, Medfield, Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Stoughton, Sharon, for the purpose of employing a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431, of the Acts of 1888.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to pay two dollars a day for labor on the highways, and employ qualified citizens of the town in preference to others; on petition of Luther Fisher and others.

Art. 25. To see if the town will grant the free use of the Town Hall, one Sunday evening in each month, for a free temperance meeting, when it is requested by the local Temperance Societies or Churches; on petition Gilman J. Allen and others.

Art. 26. To hear and act upon the report of any committee, and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

Art. 27. To determine the manner of future town meetings. And the polls may be closed as early as two o'clock in the afternoon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each of the post offices, and in not less than ten other public places in said town, seven days, at least, before the time set for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

CHAS. H. HARTSHORN,
FRED H. FOWLER,
JULIUS GUILD,
Selectmen of Walpole.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WALPOLE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ROBT. S. GRAY, Term expires 1891.
ELBRIDGE P. BOYDEN, Term expires 1891.
FREDERIC GUILD, Term expires 1892.
THOMAS T. MAGUIRE, Term expires 1892.
JAMES B. LEWIS, Term expires 1893.
WALTER B. ALLEN, Term expires 1893

Superintendent, FRANK W. SWEET.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

To the Citizens of Walpole :

ORGANIZATION.

Your board organized for the year by the election of Robert S. Gray as Chairman and Frederic Guild as Secretary.

At the last March meeting the terms of office of Messrs. Myron H. Piper, Horace C. Metcalf and James B. Lewis expired and Mr. James B. Lewis and Mr. Walter B. Allen were each elected for three years and Thomas T. Maguire for two years.

At the coming March meeting you will be called upon to elect to the School Board two members to serve three years each.

SUPERINTENDENT.

At a joint Annual Meeting of the School Committees of Walpole and Bridgewater, held in April, Mr. Frank W. Sweet, was re-elected Superintendent of Schools for one year.

REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. OFFICE, COMMONWEALTH BUILDING.

BOSTON, March 26, 1888.

To whom it may concern:—

Chap. 149. In the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

AN ACT to cause Proper Sanitary Provisions and Proper Ventilation in Public Buildings and School Houses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Section 1. Every public building and every school house shall be kept in a cleanly state and free from effluvia arising from any drain, privy or other nuisance, and shall be provided with a sufficient number of proper water-closets, earth-closets or privies, for the reasonable use of the persons admitted to such public building or of pupils attending such school house.

Sect. 2. Every public building and every school house shall be ventilated in such a proper manner that the air shall not become so exhausted as to be injurious to the health of the persons present therein. The provisions of this section and the preceding section shall be enforced by the inspection department of the district police force.

Sect. 3. Whenever it shall appear to an inspector of factories and public buildings that further or different sanitary provisions or means of ventilation are required in any public building or school house in order to conform to the requirements of this act, and that the same can be provided without incurring unreasonable expense, such inspector may issue a written order to the proper person or authority directing such sanitary provisions or means of ventilation to be provided, and they shall thereupon be

provided in accordance with such order by the public authority, corporation or person having charge of, owning or leasing such public building or school house.

Sect. 4. Any school committee, public officer, corporation or person neglecting for four weeks after the receipt of an order from an inspector, as provided in the preceding section, to provide the sanitary provisions or means of ventilation required thereby shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sect. 5. The expression "public building" used in this act means any building or premises used as a place of public entertainment, instruction, resort or assemblage. The expression "school house" means any building or premises in which public or private instruction is afforded to not less than ten pupils at one time.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 20, 1888.

Respectfully,
RUFUS R. WADE,
Chief Inspector of Factories, Workshops and Public Buildings.

Acting under authority conveyed by the above statutes, our Center School was visited and inspected by one of the State Inspectors and your Committee received the following communication :—

IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

DISTRICT POLICE.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. OFFICE COMMONWEALTH BUILDING.

BOSTON, February 11, 1890.

To Robt. S. Gray, Esq., Chairman of the School Committee of the town of Walpole, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Gentlemen :

In compliance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the inspection of factories and

public buildings, on the seventh day of February, 1890, I inspected the building known as the Center School House, situated in the said town of Walpole, and you are hereby notified that it appears to me, after a careful inspection, that further and different sanitary provisions and means of ventilation than those now provided are required in said building, in order to conform to the provisions of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Legislature of the year 1888.

And you are hereby directed to provide better and additional means of ventilation in said building by means of brick or metallic flues or ducts aided by heat or mechanical means. You will change the construction or otherwise improve the condition of the sanitary building used by the boys. You will also cause the old paper and other inflamable material to be removed from the vicinity of the stairs.

All of which is to be done subject to the approval of this department.

LEMUEL POPE.
Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.

Approved,

RUFUS R. WADE, *Chief Inspector.*

After receiving the above communication your Committee immediately set about the work of complying with the law.

At a conference of some members of your Committee and the Inspector it was thought that the old ducts formerly intended for ventilation could be utilized and by heating them with steam coils a sufficient supply of pure air could be obtained to fill the requirements.

The expense of this method would be comparatively small and your Committee asked for an appropriation of $300, which was considered sufficient and this amount was voted at your March meeting,

Just preceding the summer vacation negotiations were opened with the Exeter Machine Co. to do the necessary work to carry out this plan. This proceded so far as to have a contract drawn up and signed by your Committee and the Exeter Machine Co.

It was thought best before beginning the actual work, to submit the plans to the State Inspectors for their approval to be sure that all was right and in compliance with this the Exeter Machine Co. submitted their plans with the results shown by the following correspondence:

OFFICE EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
EXETER, N. H., July 1, 1890.

R. S. GRAY, Esq., Walpole, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

We have carefully looked our figures over regarding ventilating apparatus for school house, and we think that by making one opening through the wall, and taking a tin pipe branching inside the basement running branch pipes to the stacks, that we shall be able to do the work for three hundred dollars, ($300.00.)

If your committee accepts this proposal please notify us at once that we may arrange for workmen to do the work.

Yours truly,
EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
L.

OFFICE EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
EXETER, N. H., July 10, 1890.

R. S. GRAY, Esq., Walpole, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

As directed I called upon Mr. Coon regarding the proposed apparatus for the ventilation of the school building. There are some things he wishes changed, and it is probable that the figures may be changed some. Mr. Coon and I will leave Boston to-morrow morning, the 11th, at 9 o'clock, via N. Y. & N. E. R. R., and see what can be done to conform with the law, at the same time to utilize the present ducts as far as possible.

Yours truly,
EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
C. C. LEACH.

OFFICE OF EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
EXETER, N. H., July 14th, 1890.

R. S. GRAY, ESQ., Walpole, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

The writer called upon Mr. Coon, of the Mass. District Police, and explained to him the plan of ventilating the school.

Mr. Coon visited the building with me, and after making an examination of the premises, objects to the size and construction of the ducts.

To put in ducts of sufficient size to admit and discharge the amount of air required by the Inspector, will require an entire change in the construction of same.

As we are assured by the Inspector that any system of ventilation utilizing the present ducts, will be useless as far as complying with the law is concerned, we shall wait for instructions from you before taking any further steps in regard to the matter.

Yours truly,
EXETER MACHINE WORKS.
L.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE DISTRICT POLICE.
COMMONWEALTH BUILDING.
BOSTON, MASS., July 17, 1890.

ROBERT S. GRAY, Walpole.

Dear Sir:—

I am informed that the Centre School House, Walpole was finished for occupancy in 1886, if such is the fact the wooden ducts in said house designed for ventilation, was placed therein and permitted to remain in violation of the Statutes, consequently should be removed. It looks to me as though your architect had made it necessary to expend quite a sum of money to put this building in the condition as required by law. I would like for you to delegate a member of your committee to call at my office Saturday morning to confer with me about the matter. The sum of money appropriated by your town is entirely

inadequate to put the building in any kind of shape, and the plan as agreed upon by the Committee and the Exeter Machine Co., is ill adapted for the proper ventilation of said school house. In making provisions for the admission and removal of air to a school room, giving not less than thirty cubic feet per pupil, large areas in ducts are necessary.

Very Respectfully,
JAMES H. L. COON,
State Inspector of Public Buildings.

For reasons made evident by the above correspondence your committee proceeded to get estimates from the various companies that make a business of heating and ventilating public buildings.

Estimates were made by the following companies: Smead Warming and Ventilating Co., Walworth M'f'g. Co., B. F. Sturtevant, and Exeter Machine Works. Estimates were from $5,000 to $2,500.

The estimate of the Exeter Machine Co., of Exeter, N. H., was several hundred dollars less than that of any other company, and this company were willing to make a contract to heat and ventilate the building to the entire satisfaction of the State Inspectors for $2,500.

The matter was laid before a special town meeting called in July and the sum of $2,500 was appropriated to do the work.

The contract was immediately drawn up and signed by both parties and work begun as soon as possible.

Owing to the delay made necessary by this change of plans it was late in August before work could be commenced. It was found necessary to delay opening the schools until Sept. 15th, on account of the alterations made necessary in the rooms. After this date work was carried on during school hours without materially disturbing the schools.

Late in November the work was completed and tested by the State Inspectors, and the results are best expressed in their own report:

Extract from report of the Chief of the Massachusetts District Police for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890. (Public document No. 32.)

"Recently a test was made of these rooms, some of which were occupied by a small number of pupils, while others were up to their full capacity. The estimate for warming and ventilating was made upon a basis of fifty pupils to a room. The temperature of the outer air was 36°, and the result of the test in two of the primary rooms occupied by the largest number of pupils is herewith given. North-east room, first floor, number present 46; temperature of room, 72°; amount of warm air furnished 2,000 cubic feet per minute, at a temperature of 76°; amount removed through ventilating duct, 2,165 cubic feet per minute at a temperature of 72°; carbonic acid test, 5.5 parts in 10,000. South-east room, first floor, number present 52; temperature of room 70°; amount of warm air supplied 2,000 cubic feet per minute at a temperature of 70°; amount removed through ventilating duct 2,300 cubic feet, at a temperature of 70°. This condition was continuous. Every room in the building gave a supply of 2,000 cubic feet per minute, and in the High school room each pupil was supplied with at least 45 cubic feet per minute of warm, pure air. In this room three sides are exposed to the weather, viz: west, north and east sides, yet the temperature varied but 2°; it was 70° at the inner wall, 68° on west side, 68° on north side, and 69° on east side."

Owing to imperfect circulation, the best results of the system were not at first obtained, but since the opening of the new year the contractors have remedied this difficulty, and at the time of writing the system appears to be perfect.

A second inspection has been made and the following letter will state the results:

IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

DISTRICT POLICE.

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS. OFFICE, COMMONWEALTH BUILDING.

BOSTON, January 26th, 1891.

Robert S. Gray, Chairman School Committee, Walpole.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 21st inst. asking if the ventilating system recently placed in the Centre School House, Walpole, meets with the requirements of the law, I must answer in the affirmative, and declare it the best piece of steam ventilation that I have seen. I visited the building several times while it was being placed therein, and since its completion tested its working in company with other members of this department, who also pronounced it a most complete and thorough piece of work. The details of my examination are printed in the annual report of the Inspection Department, a copy of which is in your possession. It is gratifying to know that the committee have been interested in making their Centre School House complete in all of its appointments and conform to the requirements of the law in every particular. I do most heartily commend the ventilating system so economically arranged in this building to the consideration of committees representing towns and cities where changes are to be made.

Very respectfully,
JAMES H. L. COON,
State Inspector Public Buildings.

NORTH AND SOUTH SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The $1200 appropriated for remodelling these buildings has been used and most satisfactory results obtained without exceeding the amounts granted by the town.

By building additions upon the side of each for cloakrooms and halls and removing the partitions of the former

hall ways, the primary rooms have been enlarged and are now much better lighted and in every way are improvement on the former plans.

The furnace in the old Center School was repaired and placed in the South School House, thus securing sufficient heating apparatus.

TRANSPORTATION.

The contract for transporting the High School pupils from East and North Walpole was let out to Mr. J. C. Madigan of East Walpole, for $350, for one year dating from May 1, 1890.

The car fare of pupils from South Walpole has been paid, and the appropriation is ample to pay all expenses to May 1st, 1891.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL BOARD ACCOUNT FOR 1890.

I.

Receipts.

Appropriation:— Salaries of Superintendent and Teachers, care of houses, fuel,	$8,000 00	
State aid on account of employment of Superintendent,	467 13	
75 per cent. Income Mass. School Fund,	125 39	
Dog tax,	356 66	
Tuition from Freeman Evans of Norwood,	14 00	
		$8,963 18

Expenditures.

Salaries of Supt. and Teachers,	$7,016 40	
Care of school houses,	814 84	
Amount carried forward,	$7,831 24	

Amount brought forward,	$7,831 24	
Fuel,	637 30	
Tuition of Town to Medfield,	23 75	
Tuition to Town to Dedham,	349 39	
		$8,841 68
Unexpended balance,		$121 50

II.

Receipts.

Appropriations, Incidentals and Supplies,	$300 00	
Balance state funds from 1889,	347 24	
25 per cent. Income School Fund,	41 80	
		$689 04

Expenditures.

For supplies text books and incidentals,	$686 86

III.

Receipts.

Appropriation :— Repairs,	$3,950 00	$3,950 00

Expenditures.

For general repairs,	$252 96	
Remodelling North School,	599 98	
" South School,	600 00	
Ventilating Center School,	2,000 00	
		$3,452 94
Unexpended balance,		$497 06

IV.

Receipts.

Appropriation :— Transportation,		$500 00

Expenditures.

Paid Henry Clarkin's fare,	$7 40	
" Tessie E. Smith's fare,	7 40	
" Nellie M. Clarkin's fare,	4 60	
" Flora B. Boyden's fare,	7 40	
		$26 80
Unexpended balance,		$473 20

ESTIMATES FOR 1891.

For salaries of Superintendent and teachers, fuel and care of houses and tuition,	$8,500 00	
Supplies and Incidentals,	650 00	
Repairs,	250 00	
		$9,400 00

For other information concerning our schools we would refer you to the report of the Superintendent of schools which is appended as part of this report.

ROBERT S. GRAY,
ELBRIDGE P. BOYDEN,
FREDERIC GUILD,
THOMAS F. MAGUIRE,
JAMES B. LEWIS,
WALTER B. ALLEN.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Walpole:

The sixth annual report of your Superintendent is herewith submitted.

STATISTICS

Number of children in town May 1, 1890 between 5 and 15 years of age,	439
Number between 8 and 14 years of age,	261
Whole number of different pupils of all ages in school during the year,	533
Number under 5 years of age,	0
Number between 8 and 14 years of age,	310
Number over 15 years of age,	50
Number of pupils in all the schools Dec. 21, 1890,	440
Total average membership for 1890,	417
Average daily attendance,	367
Per cent of attendance based upon average membership,	88
Whole number of schools,	13
Whole number of teachers required by public schools at date,	14
Whole number of different teachers employed during the year,	21

A table of statistics of attendance, etc., will be found at the end of this report.

TEACHERS.

Resignations :— Miss Ellen M. Duffield,
Miss Mabel A. Jepson,
Miss Grace D. Parker,
Miss Anna M. Rhoades,
Miss Nellie M. Freeman,
Miss Lizzie P. Bird,
Miss Lizzie Evans,
Miss Edith A. Willey,
Miss Grace H. Parker.

Appointments :— Miss Emma M. Caldwell,
Miss Emma M. Maguire,
Miss Frances T. Cook,
Miss Ellen M. Duffield,
Miss Margaret P. C. Tucker,
Miss Nellie M. Freeman,
Miss Edith A. Willey,
Miss Grace H. Parker,
Miss Lila H. Lowe.

The large number of resignations in one year in a town that requires only fourteen teachers in its school furnishes food for reflection.

The information has gone abroad and not without good reasons, that the schools of Walpole are in many respects superior to those of many country towns of the same size, and paying same salaries.

The superintendents of larger towns and cities, who are always in search of good teachers, knowing that such are to be found in our schools and knowing that they are able to offer them larger salaries, visit us frequently. As a result of these altogether too frequent visits we are soon in receipt of one or two resignations to take effect immediately, or at most one or two weeks.

The old saying, "Big fish eat little ones" never had a more literal exemplification.

You ask "Why not require the teacher to give a longer notice?" The answer is contained in the arguments used by Superintendents and School Committees to induce the teacher to accept their position.

Their argument was after this fashion :—"Now, Miss A. we want you to come to us next Monday morning. We cannot hold this place open longer than that. We have seen Miss B. in the town of W——, and also Miss C. in F—— and either one of them would be glad of the place. We would much rather have you as your work is superior to theirs.

Then, you must remember, that this town does not appreciate your services which is evidenced by your small salary. Now, if you will accept our position, we will pay you what your services are worth (here a tempting offer is

made). Now, *we must have a teacher* next Monday, and will you take it? If not, we must take Miss B. of W., and you will lose a good opportunity to better your circumstances."

Remembering the fact that teachers, as well as people in other occupations, are teaching for money and not for sentiment, who can blame them for accepting such arguments as the above?

Without further discussion, the bare fact remains that we must either resign ourselves to this condition of things and submit to seeing our schools kept back and disorganized; work delayed and good discipline destroyed by these frequent changes or else rise and meet the difficulty face to face.

There are two ways in which we can partially overcome this obstacle to the success of our schools:

(1.) Have a contract, mutually signed, requiring at least a month's notice of any intention to resign, also granting the teacher a month's notice if sufficient cause should arise for her dismissal. Two weeks salary could be witheld as a forfeit for breach of contract, and if occasion should arise when it seemed best to have a teacher leave *at once*, two weeks' salary could be paid her for termination of contract by the Committee.

(2.) Another way to retain the teachers would be to raise the salaries. The maximum salaries paid our lady teachers is $10 per week, or $400 per year of forty weeks. Many of our teachers are now receiving this salary and have been receiving the same for several years.

I would recommend that when you elect the teachers for the coming year, that all who are receiving less than $400 per year be re-elected at the rate of $400 per year if their work is satisfactory. All those who have been receiving $400 for one or more years, and whose work is of a quality to warrant it, be re-elected at $425 for the next year, and that each year thereafter, that the salaries of all teachers whose work is satisfactory, be increased $25 yearly, until the salary of $500 is reached. This will be doing nothing more than keeping along with other towns in the state that have been troubled in the same way.

I would recommend that these methods be employed

together, and I think it would in a large measure remedy the difficulty. Knowing the pride with which the people look to their schools and the generosity manifested by the town in their behalf in former years, I can but feel that you would receive unanimous support from the citizens in making some efforts to retain good teachers for longer terms of service.

TEXT BOOKS.

There is an absolute necessity for increasing the number of text books in our schools.

Some classes are without any books at all in arithmetic, necessitating the writing of all problems on the board by the teacher.

In the High school, several classes are without text books in several studies, such as chemistry, physics, zoology, mineralogy, geometry and some others.

This state of things is a cause of much annoyance to both teacher and pupil.

While I believe that a teacher should *teach* the subject without a text book, I do not think it is good policy to confine pupils to their topics and notes as a source of all their knowledge.

One of the chief objects of an education should be to know how to consult books, and extract from their pages those things you wish to know.

While pupils' lessons should not be assigned by pages in any book, they should be made to search for facts in books. I have no sympathy with this practice of doing away with text books altogether and making the teachers, blackboard and note book take their place.

Undoubtedly many teachers have *abused* text books, but that is no reason why they should be banished from our schools. To purchase all books needed will make quite an expense, but I think it should be done to relieve the teachers from putting so much work on the blackboards, and let the teachers occupy their time more profitably.

ATTENDANCE.

The record of attendance is such as to demand our careful attention. The per cent of attendance has fallen from

91 last year to 88 this year. There are good reasons for this that need explanation.

Owing to "la grippe" a large number of pupils were kept from school beside those that have been out with other diseases.

Another reason for the falling off is in the change in method of keeping the records.

Formerly it was the custom to consider a child that had been absent five consecutive days a "non-member" and all absences after that did not count in forming records.

With the present system a pupil is considered a member until the teacher receives *reliable information* that the pupil does not intend to come again; thus he is marked absent for a week or month as the case may be.

The records should be kept to show a child's attendance or non-attendance at school and not for per cents.

Another thing to which I would call your attention is tardiness. You will see that the number has decreased steadily from 1282 in 1887 to only 524 in 1890.

Of this number, *295 were made by pupils in the High School*, and is a disgrace to the school. All the other schools in town had only 229. The D Primary grade, numbering nearly as many as the High school, had only 21.

There is no excuse for this wretched showing by our High school pupils, and radical measures will be taken to prevent a recurrence.

In general, the work of the year has been encouraging, and has been kept up to a high grade with only a few exceptions. The interruptions caused by the many changes of teachers at the East school has put the school behind, but with extra care this can be overcome in a short time.

The improvements made in the school buildings during the past year have made them much better adapted to the wants of pupils and teachers.

The study of drawing under the direction of Miss Anderson has made good progress, and although it will take a few years to get a complete system introduced, yet the work thus far has been carefully and thoroughly done.

The relations between teachers and superintendent have

been most pleasant during the year, and all work has been harmonious.

In closing my report I would thank the committee for their cordial support and assistance during the past year, and I would also, through you, thank the citizens of Walpole for their interest and many kind words of encouragement.

FRANK W. SWEET,
Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR 1890.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole number different pupils.	Average number belonging.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance.	Cases of tardiness.	Tardiness pro rata average daily attendance.	Visits.
High,	Henry H. Kendall, Elsie M. Blake,	50	49.89	46.57	93.34	295	6.33	47
Centre A and B Grammar,	Emma J. Barnes,	42	36.68	34.50	94.	29	.87	133
" C and D "	Annie L. Bird,	50	42.73	37.98	88 88	64	1.68	106
" A and B Primary,	Lena F. Adams,	60	48.58	42.24	86.95	47	1.11	91
" C "	Amy L. Boyden,	31	30.51	27.59	90.	13	.47	100
" D "	Emma M. Maguire,	87	46.02	36.70	79.75	21	.57	151
North Grammar,	Margaret P. C. Tucker,	33	21.26	19.46	91.06	57	2.93	55
" Primary,	Ella A. Hartshorn,	30	25.91	23.26	89.77	57	2.44	93
East Grammar,	Eva E Hall,	21	16.72	13.97	83.55	52	3.71	15
" Primary,	Lila H. Lowe,	35	26.57	21.92	82.61	85	3.87	44
South Grammar,	Emma M. Caldwell,	19	17.86	16.34	91.43	21	1.28	77
" Primary,	Frances T. Cook,	48	32.57	29.11	89.37	42	1.44	73
West, ungraded,	Helen R. Stanley,	27	21.87	17.26	78.95	11	.63	25
Totals for 1890,		533	417	367	88.	524	1.42	1010
Totals for 1889,		532	416	381	91.	745	1.95	719
Totals for 1888,		539	392	360	92.	925	2.56	910
Totals for 1887,		521	376	339	90.	1282	3.48	582